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1. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH DEA SAIC, NARCCOR AND OTHER MEMBERS NARCOTICS COMMITTEE, I HAVE SET FOLLOWING INTERNAL GUIDELINES FOR DEA OPERATIONS IN COLOMBIA. THESE GUIDELINES REPRESENT A MODIFICATION OF THOSE DRAWN UP IN LATE MARCH (BOGOTA 2891), AND REFLECT FACT THAT GOC HAS YET TO ISSUE REGULATIONS CLEARLY DEFINING NARCOTICS RESPONSIBILITIES OF VARIOUS COLOMBIAN ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. IN THE LIGHT OF MY RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE IT APPEARS THERE MAY BE SOME FURTHER DELAY BECAUSE OF INTERNAL LEGAL COMPLICATIONS AND BUREAUCRATIC POLITICS.

2. THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES REFLECT OUR UNDERSTANDING OF COLOMBIAN LAW WHICH, WHILE GIVING DAS QTE PREFERENTIAL

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UNQTE RESPONSIBILITY FOR NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT, INVESTS THE

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL WITH RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY FOR COORDINATING AND DIRECTING THE OPERATIONS OF ALL JUDICIAL POLICE AGENCIES INCLUDING DAS, CUSTOMS AND FAWHX WE BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENT GUIDELINES WILL NOT ONLY SATISFY COLOMBIAN LAW, BUT ALSO FIT CURRENT COLOMBIAN POLITICAL REALITIES. MOST IMPORTANTLY, HOWEVER THEY ARE DES-

IGNED TO PERMIT DEA BOGOTA TO RESUME FULL-SCALE OPERATIONS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PLACING RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOCAL OPERATIONAL COORDINATION ON THE SHOULDERS OF COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES.

3. DEA WILL USE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE (ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR JUDICIAL POLICE) AS THE BASIC INSTRUMENT FOR COORDINATING ITS NARCOTICS EFFORTS IN COLOMBIA. ALL OPERATIONS INVOLVING RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT DEA AGENTS OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WILL BE DISCUSSED AND COORDINATED WITH THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR JUDICIAL POLICE AS WELL AS THE COLOMBIAN ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CONCERNED.

4. DEA, WITHIN THE GUIDELINES SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH NUMBER ONE ABOVE, WILL COOPERATE DIRECTLY WITH DAS, F-2, CUSTOMS AND/OR THE JUDICIAL POLICE IN CARRYING OUT NARCOTICS INTERDICTION OPERATIONS, SHARING TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE AND DEVELOPING FOLLOW-ON OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE FROM CASES DEVELOPED BY THESE AGENCIES. IN SELECTING WHICH AGENCY TO WORK WITH IN ANY GIVEN OPERATION OR SITUATION, THE SIAC WILL BE GUIDED BY THE CONSIDERATIONS IN PARA 3 BELOW. THE SIAC MUST ALSO ASSURE THAT HIS CHOICE AND OPERATIONAL PLAN IS DISCUSSED WITH AND SANCTIONED BY THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR JUDICIAL POLICE, WHOSE OFFICE IS CHARGED BY COLOMBIAN LAW WITH COORDINATION AND DIRECTION OF JUDICIAL POLICE FORCES, AS WELL AS THE AGENCY CONCERNED.

5. THE SIAC WILL BE GUIDED BY WHAT WE KNOW TO BE GENERAL GOC CONCEPTS REGARDING THE VARIOUS AGENCIES. CUSTOMS IS IN A RESIDUAL ROLE INVOLVING PORTS OF ENTRY, AND IS NOT TO BE USED IN PURELY DOMESTIC OR IN ROUTINE POLICE ROLE. DAS IS THE AGENCY PRIMARILY CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY AND IS TO BE ENCOURAGED AND UTILIZED. F-2 IS A COMPLEMENTING AGENCY USED WHEN DAS CANNOT HANDLE A GIVEN OPERATION DUE TO LACK OF PERSONNEL, EXPERTISE, ETC. OR WHEN IT IS OTHERWISE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE TO DO SO.

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6. NO DEA AGENTS, EITHER RESIDENT OR ON TEMPORARY DUTY, NO ONE FROM OUTSIDE AND NO OUTSIDE CTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS WITHOUT ADVANCE APPROVAL FROM THE AMBASSADOR OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE AND CLEARANCE FROM THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, AS WELL AS FROM THE FORCE OR AGENCY RUNNING THE OPERATION. ADVANCE CLEARANCE FOR INTRODUCTION OF OUTSIDE DEA AGENTS OR ANY CTS WILL ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE COOPERATING GOC AGENCY AND CLEARED WITH THE ASSISTANT

ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR JUDICIAL POLICE.

7 SOURCES DEVELOPED LOCALLY BY DEA NEED NOT BE DISCUSSED
WITH ANY GOC AGENCY.

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